

REPORT,

RULES, REGULATIONS, ETC.,

OF THE

Cayuga Asylum for Destitute Children,

AUBURN, N. Y.



Cayuga Asylum, Owasco-Street. between Walnut and Bradford Streets.

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FROM ITS ORGANIZATION IN MAY, 1852, TO THE PRESENT
TIME.



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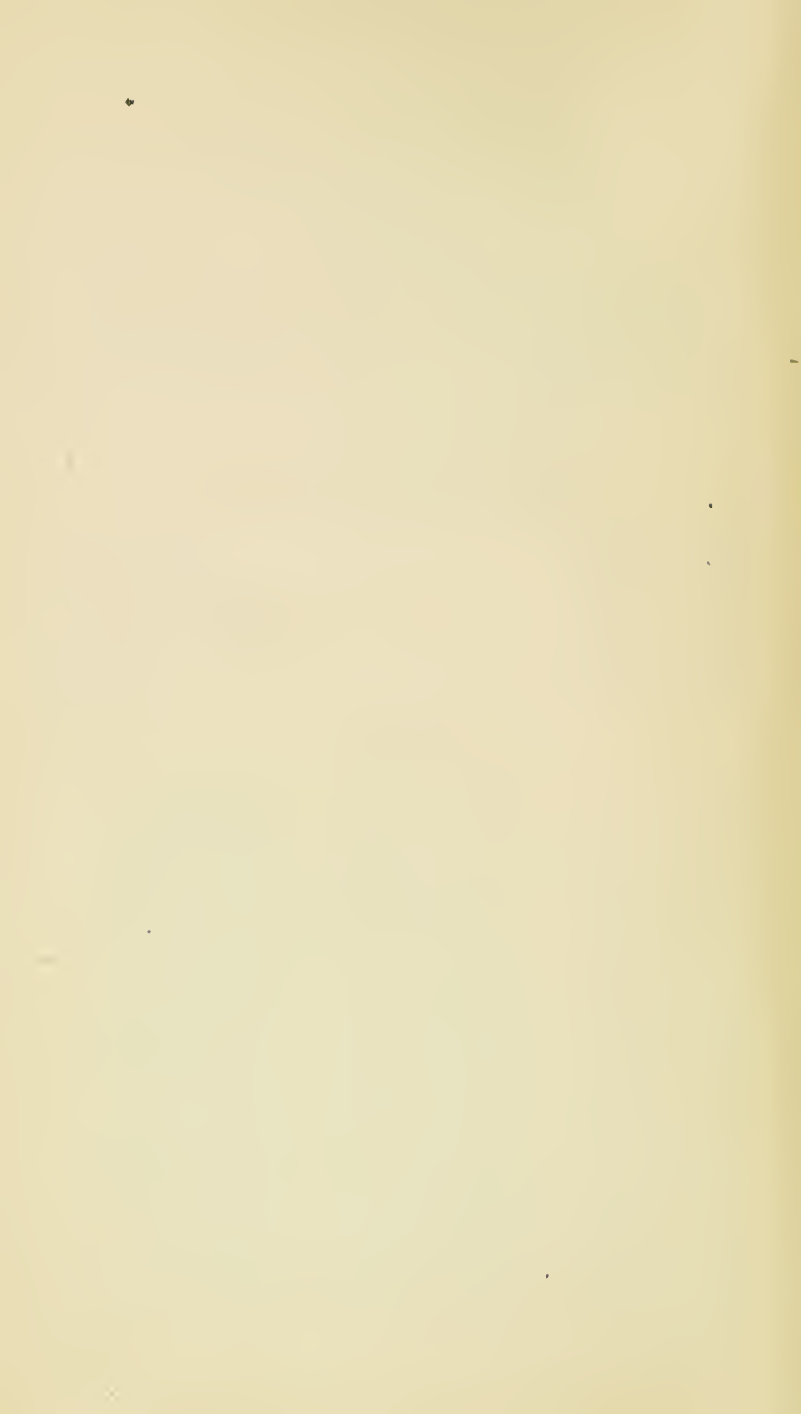
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CAYUGA ASYLUM.

The Cayuga Asylum for destitute children now located in the city of Auburn, N. Y., was founded by the unwearied efforts of a few benevolent ladies, in the spring of 1852, and incorporated by an Act of the Legislature the same year.

"The object of this institution (as specified in the Act of Incorporation) shall be to provide a home for orphans, half orphans, and destitute children, supply their necessities, promote their moral, intellectual and religious improvement, and fit them for situations of usefulness."

The management of its financial interests is entrusted to a board of nine male Trustees, (Sec. 4, Act of Incorporation,) the appropriation of its incomes, the care and management of its children, and its internal and domestic concerns, to a board of female Managers, consisting of three Directresses, a Treasurer, a Corresponding and Recording Secretary, a Provider, and Managers, residing at the time of their appointment in the city of Auburn and County of Cayuga.

The first meeting of the ladies, on record, was held May 5th 1852, when the society was organized, and the managers elected, as mentioned in Sec. 8 of the Act of Incorporation.

This Society in 1853 purchased the lot on which the Asylum now stands for	\$ 3,500
In 1857 erected the main Asylum building on the lot, valued including lot and fence.....	12,000
Shortly after purchased the Harris premises for	,800
Subsequently purchased the Bradford premises for	,800
In 1858 purchased the Snow lot in consideration of.....	1,600
Prior to the last named purchase erected a building on the rear of the main Asylum building, for a school room, and for other purposes at a cost of	6,000
In 1870 laid flag stone walk and curb at a cost of.....	1,400
In 1871 repaired main building and fence, also made a new and more desirable passage or walk from the street to the front steps, at a cost of about.....	2,000
Total	28,100
The Asylum grounds now embrace about two acres of land.	

Appropriations.

Have received special appropriations from the State amounting in the aggregate to \$7,600.

Also the fund set apart by the State for Charitable Institutions from \$400 to \$1,400 annually.

Likewise County appropriations ranging from \$300 to \$2,500 annually.

In 1864 received from Jas S. Seymour and others voluntary donations to the amount of about \$2,000, which was applied in liquidation of the then building debt.

Legacies.

Dr. Healy of Syracuse	\$2,700
Laban Hoskins of Union Springs.....	5,000
Mr. Baker of Fleming.....	1,440
Mrs Mary Miller of Auburn	,300
Mrs. Dr. Rudd of Utica.....	,100
Kittlewells.....	1,059

In addition to the foregoing, the friends of orphan and destitute children have caused a constant stream to flow into the treasury from a great variety of benevolent resources too numerous to specify. We give on the following page a list of Auxiliary Societies, from which we acknowledge the receipt of repeated valuable gifts and many kind words of cheer.

From 1864 to Oct. 1st 1871, this institution has cared for eleven hundred and eighteen children.

The Board of Managers issue monthly a paper called, "*The Orphan's Friend*" which is a great assistance to the Asylum in enlisting the sympathy, and aid of the public, while it gives information to friends abroad of its management, and the history of the children committed to its care.

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Genoa Ladies' Industrial Society.
Sherwoods and vicinity Benevolent Association.
Cato Orphan Aid Society.
Scipio Sewing Circle.
Owasco Outlet Orphans' Aid Society.
Scipio Union Aid Society.
Union Springs Orphans' Aid Society.
Owasco Baptist Ladies' Sewing Society.
Weedsport Ladies of the Presbyterian Society.
Fleming Ladies' Sewing Society.
Victory Orphans' Aid Society.
Throopsville Union Aid Society.
Niles, eastern vicinity, Orphans' Aid Society.
Meridian Union Aid Society.
Owasco Ladies' Sewing Society.
Kings Ferry Ladies' Sewing Society.
Moravia Ladies' Sewing Society.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Ladies of the Board of Managers of the Cayuga Orphan Asylum :

To-day we celebrate the nineteenth anniversary of our Asylum for Homeless Children. Its life-work is now measured by almost a score of years. Reaching this new mile-mark in its history, we are called upon to gratefully review the past, and hopefully and prayerfully to regard the future. The year just passed has added a new and larger proof of God's care for the fatherless. Here he has given home to the homeless; he has given food and raiment, so there has been no lack. He has wrought wonderfully, restoring and healing mercies to the diseased. He has brought hither His quickening spiritual gifts, and taught these dear children of Himself. May our faith so interpret this overshadowing love, that from the fullness of our heart we may say · "Surely the Lord is in this place and I knew it not."

At the beginning of the past year our family numbered 80. Remained the entire year 60. Entered new ones 62. Dismissed 45. Present inmates 96 Average number 88. Died 2. Total 111.

We are privileged to make record of a good degree of health prevailing in our Asylum family. This blessing seems the larger by way of contrast. Never has there been so large an amount of sickness in one year, as in the one just past. Of whooping cough there have been 22 cases—of measles 15—of scarlet fever 36. Several of the children have had all three combined. From all this multiplied sickness, two deaths only have resulted. Such exemption is quite unparalleled in the history of an equal amount of sickness in our private families. This visitation of sickness has wrought its own good. Of this Board, many have been quickened to new life in behalf of these suffering ones. How have we been blessed in the enlarging of our mother hearts, so that our love has warmed toward them as if they were our own. In this hospital, ministering to the wants of Christ's little ones, and thus sustaining their overtaxed care-takers, have we not felt, "it is good to be here?"

This spirit of cheerful giving and doing was manifested through the length of the county. Letters with words of cheer and sympathy, accompanied by needed help, came in such numbers as greatly to lift the burden. Responses to the great need flowed in from far and near. Care and comforts and delicacies came so freely and so lovingly that of almost 40

sick children, each had the tender nursing of a loving home. It is fitting we to-day record our thanks to this multitude of friends, whose precious charities were fully equal to the emergency.

We may to-day express thanks for the spared life and improved health of Mrs. Rogers—and also that her heart still inclines her to so faithfully stand by this post of duty. Among our largest blessings we may reckon the confidence we are permitted, that she, as the head of this large family, cares for it all, so wisely and so well. By her skillful managing of all this complicated machinery, she so lifts the burdens from our shoulders, that we are near to forgetting *our* official responsibility for the prosperity of this Institution. Her assistants also are working efficiently and conscientiously, fully deserving the meed of praise she gives them, as being her “own right arm.”

Of the school we are permitted to report it to be in a flourishing condition. It is pleasant to feel the confidence we are allowed, that our children are under the discipline and guidance of so skillful and efficient a teacher. According to the decision of the Board, the school was not wholly discontinued during the entire nine weeks summer vacation. For six weeks two sessions of two hours each, were daily given the children, by an extra teacher. This new plan worked admirably for them both mentally and morally. We may and should, on these anniversary occasions, express ourselves gratefully, for the progress and improvement of the children. Our hearts are encouraged and made glad because of their advancement in school knowledge—because of their good deportment, and because of all the evidence they so largely furnish, of being a well regulated household.

We are permitted to report favorably of our Asylum treasury. Its immediate wants have been met by timely giving. This congratulation on the condition of our treasury does not imply, we “have much goods laid up in store.” On the contrary, our matter-of-fact treasurer’s report to-day reads, cash on hand \$6.85. Our rejoicing comes from light hearts unburdened by debt, and humbly would we add, from faith and trust, begotten to a new life in the experience of this work. “For He careth for you.”

The only legacy of this year, was the gift of \$300 from the late Mrs. Miller. The State appropriation has been used as designed, viz: for improvements. Very pleasant to the friends of the Asylum is the sight of improved fences, better graded grounds, permanent stone walks, and all the repairs and renovated appearances of the buildings.

The important aid which has for many years come to the Asylum through the channel of the strawberry festival has this year been cut off. The Board counselled omitting this customary appeal, the occasion being so near the great sickness, when the host of Asylum friends had come to the rescue so large heartedly, that to tax them again and again seemed untimely. We are looking forward hopefully to the annual donation to replenish both cellars and stores. May the large hearts still give largely,

and may many new ones open to the wants of the orphan. Some of our friends, while visiting the Asylum on pic-nic occasions, have been led to measure in some degree the wants of this large family, by remembering that in the providing of their *one* meal for these children, they had found necessary a large outlay of food and effort, and this too by many families, and so have been led to ask, what must it be to provide three meals each day for 365 days each year? May this question lead to large practical results.

The Auxiliary Societies share largely in our gratitude to-day. The old ones stand by us as tried friends and true. To the new ones we extend the hand of welcome and of grateful fellowship. Of all we may say: "She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hand to the needy."

Through the usual kindness of the Supervisors, the treasury received \$2,000, for which we express our gratitude.

We would return our thanks for the continued gift to the Asylum of the Daily Advertiser, Weekly Democrat, and Northern Christian Advocate.

We would thank the Postmaster for the appropriation, gratuitously, of a postoffice box to the Asylum.

We express gratitude due to Mr. Hickson for his gifts to the Asylum in the department of undertaker. Connected with the deaths of the children he has freely donated all funeral expenses.

We desire to express our sincere appreciation of a long catalogue of assistance given from many friends. Among such is the annual gift of Mr. Sutton of more than twenty dollars' worth of medicine—the pleasant thanksgiving remembrance from individuals and from churches—the ample Christmas dinners, now given for eight successive years, by St. Peter's church—New Years dinner given in such kindly profusion by the respective towns of our county, and also for the valuable aid given by the young men of the Theological Seminary in their Sunday labors of love among the children.

Our heartfelt thanks are extended to Dr. Chase, the present acting physician. No year of the 19 has imposed heavier burdens upon a physician's time and patience. He has been instant—in season and out of season, even cheerfully offering to act as night-watcher. He brought to this overflowing hospital skill in rebuking disease, and his sympathizing and encouraging presence inspired the little sufferers with that trust and confidence, which in themselves, proved a healing power. His success in the treatment of acute disease has been marked; likewise some of a chronic nature. His judicious care and treatment of one little unfortunate should be mentioned. This little boy entered the Asylum and became a hopeless paralytic. He had previously been injured by a fall, causing him to lose the power of walking. He had been many months in this condition when the Doctor undertook his case. By scientific treatment with the galvanic battery and proper medical care, he is now all about, active and

independent. Connected with the history of his helplessness here, it is pleasant to mark the good effects upon the character of the other children. It was touching to witness, not only the willingness of the strong ones to put their arms about him, being to him feet and strength, they even manifested a generous rivalry, striving who should most carry and support their dependent brother. How we love and honor those noble boys for their devoted sympathy and almost heroic patience. This little world has in it much of discipline, and we are inspired anew in seeing its unmistakable fruits in the growing hearts and minds of these dear children.

For our encouragement to-day, we may notice the pleasant visits made to the Asylum by several during the past year, who were once inmates here. They came beautiful and strong and good in their mature manhood and womanhood. Simple and touching was their testimony as it came with their tears, "I should not be what I am if it had not been for this Asylum." And even many who have found good homes testify to their childhood happiness here, as "the best and sweetest ever found."

One great and unusual joy is ours to-day. Not one death has come to our Board of over 100 members. Not only may each name answer to the roll call, but we are likewise permitted the assurance that each heart answers responsive to this labor of love. It becomes us gratefully to remember that through all this year's Asylum work, there has abounded harmony and sisterly love. In this work the present hour is the threshold between the old year and the new. In stepping over, for ourselves we pray for a more earnest heeding of the Divine voice saying to us: "Feed my lambs." In our mission here, this command embraces both temporal and spiritual nourishment. May we pray and labor that they may be fed with "the bread of life." Our faith should be above, in the great Shepherd. Are not our hopes and prayers for these dear children well expressed by another: "We would give Christian citizens to our land, soldiers to Christ's army, and inhabitants to the courts of glory"

Respectfully submitted,

Oct. 4, 1871.

Mrs. S. S. Goss,
Cor. Sec'y.

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FOR THE REGULATION OF THE FAMILY.

ARTICLE 1. The family shall rise in the winter at day-light, and in the Summer season at 5 o'clock; the children, as soon after as convenient. They shall immediately be washed and dressed. After breakfast, the children with the family shall assemble in the school-room, when a chapter from the Bible shall be read by the superintendent or teacher, and the children may follow in repeating the Lord's prayer. The children shall be bathed all over once each week; face, hands and feet every day. Particular attention is to be paid to the head and hair.

ART. 2. The hour for breakfast shall be 8 o'clock in Winter, and 7 o'clock in Summer. The children shall be required to keep silence at their meals, after repeating their blessing, and shall make known their wants to the Superintendent or attendant by a given signal, which they may be allowed to explain, if necessary. Those children too young to assist in the family, shall retire to the playground or school-room. They shall dine at 12 o'clock, and their supper shall be at half past 5 or earlier in Winter if deemed necessary. Immediately after supper the family shall be assembled in the school-room, when the superintendent will close the day by reading a portion of Scripture, and prayer, after which the younger children shall be put to bed.

ART. 3. Their breakfast shall consist of bread and milk, hash, and bread, or cakes, and occasionally baked potatoes. Water or milk for drink. Bread made of coarse or fine flour at the discretion of the Superintendent.

The dinner shall consist of soups, codfish, meat and plenty of potatoes, Indian pudding, boiled rice or something of that character. Soup once a week, codfish once a week, with butter; pudding and soup are not both admissible on the same day. Their supper shall consist of bread and molasses, mush and molasses, or bread and milk. The Superintendent is at liberty to vary this diet, if she finds it does not agree with the children.

ART. 4. The children of a proper age shall be prepared for the school-room in time for the teacher to commence her instructions at precisely 9 o'clock. They shall be taught reading, writing and arithmetic, together with sewing and knitting, and formed to habits of industry. No member of the family shall inflict punishment on a child, on any occasion, (except the Superintendent) on pain of being reported to the Board of Managers

ART 5. All offences of magnitude must be reported to the weekly visiting committee, whose duty it shall be to reprove the offenders, and point out the course of treatment which their crime merits.

ART 6. The school shall be omitted on Saturday, and it shall be the duty of the superintendent to wash and change the children for the Sabbath. The superintendent shall see that the children are dressed with neatness and care, on Sabbath morning, and gathered into the school-room in season to meet their Sunday School teachers, and that their lessons are perfectly learned during the week. She shall also attend with them the afternoon services held in the school-room, and preserve order as may be necessary. The occupations and amusements of other days shall be suspended, and silence and quietness prevail throughout the day, as far as practicable. The superintendent may devote an hour to Bible instruction and singing in connection with the above exercises, at her discretion. All sectarian influences must be avoided, as at variance with the spirit of the Institution.

RESOLUTIONS.

At a meeting held May 5th, 1852, on motion of Mrs. Reed, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the ladies of the several towns of the County of Cayuga be cordially invited to form themselves into Associations that shall be Auxiliary to this Society.

Resolved, That the presiding officer of each Society shall be entitled to a seat and a vote at the Annual Meeting of the parent Society of the City of Auburn.

NOTICE.

Auxiliary Societies are requested to send the names of their officers annually to the corresponding Secretary of Cayuga Asylum, that they may be invited to meet with us at our annual meeting.

By order of the Board of Managers.

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Cayuga Asylum for Destitute Children incorporated by the Legislature of the State of New York, in the year 1852, the sum of \$———, to be applied for the benefit of said Asylum.

STATISTICS AND DISBURSEMENTS AT CAYUGA ASYLUM, FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

1852.		1863.	
Receipts,	\$1,987 55	Receipts,.....	\$4,363 59
Disbursements,	711 56	Disbursements,.....	3,322 83
Balance,	\$1,275 99	Balance,	\$780 76
1854.		1864.	
Receipts,	\$2,210 57	Receipts,	\$4,851 89
Disbursements,	3,361 26	Disbursements,.....	4,088 69
Indebtedness,	\$1,150 69	Balance,	763 20
1855.		1865.	
Receipts,	\$2,124 30	Receipts,	\$5,671 06
Disbursements,	2,097 31	Disbursements,.....	\$4,888 90
Balance,	\$26 99	Balance,	\$782 46
1856.		1866.	
Receipts,	\$2,497 08	Receipts,	\$5,393 60
Disbursements,	2,015 63	Disbursements,	4,960 05
Balance,	\$481 50	Balance,	\$433 55
1857.		1867.	
Receipts,	\$2,350 14	Receipts,	\$4,586 60
Disbursements,	2,344 80	Disbursements,	4 416 18
Balance,	\$5 84	Balance,	\$170 42
1858.		1868.	
Receipts,	\$2,825 39	Receipts,	\$5,279 07
Disbursements,	3,387 12	Disbursements,	5,326 75
Indebtedness,	\$1,061 73	Indebtedness,	\$47 68
1859.		1869.	
Receipts,	\$2,279 57	Receipts,	\$5,474 87
Disbursements,	2,272 91	Disbursements,	4,992 87
Balance,	\$6 66	Balance,	\$482 00
1860.		1870.	
Receipts,	\$3,128 06	Receipts,	\$6,468 48
Disbursements,	2,697 89	Disbursements,	6,309 14
Balance,	\$430 17	Balance,	\$159 84
1861.		1871.	
Receipts,	\$3,071 32	Receipts,	\$5,292 17
Disbursements,	2,919 02	Disbursements,	5,285 32
Balance,	\$152 80	Balance,	\$6 85
1862.			
Receipts,	\$3,391 50		
Disbursements,	3,164 81		
Balance,	\$226 69		

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. The persons hereinafter named, and such others as shall hereafter become members of the corporation in manner hereinafter mentioned, are constituted a body corporate by the name of "The Cayuga Asylum for Destitute Children ;" the object of the society shall be to provide a temporary home for orphan, half-orphan and destitute children, supply their necessities, promote their moral, intellectual and religious improvement, and fit them for situations of usefulness.

SEC. 2. The corporate powers of the society shall be exercised, in regard to its property, by a board consisting of nine male trustees ; and in regard to the appropriation of its income, the care and management of its children, and of its internal and domestic concerns, by a board of female managers, consisting of a first, second and third directress, a treasurer, a secretary and twenty-seven other female managers, residing at the time of their election or appointment, in the County of Cayuga.

SEC. 3. The trustees and managers for the time being, and all such women as they shall admit as members, and as shall annually contribute to the funds of the society the sum of one dollar or upwards, or such other sum as shall hereafter be prescribed by the by-laws of the board of managers, shall, during the respective periods of their continuance in office, and during the years in or for which such contributions shall be made, be members of the society, and be entitled to vote at its elections, and upon all questions submitted to its decision by the board of managers and board of trustees respectively, or either of them, at any public meeting of the society regularly convened.

SEC. 4. John H. Chcdell, John W. Haight, Franklin L. Griswold, Zebina M. Mason, Henry Underwood, J. Ives Parsons, Charles N. Tuttle, Roswell Curtiss and Ebenezer B. Cobb shall compose the first board of trustees ; and whenever a vacancy in said board shall happen by death or resignation, or refusal to serve for a period of three months, the same shall be filled as soon as conveniently may be by the votes of the remaining trustees, or the major part of them, at a regular meeting of the board, to be called for that purpose, and held in pursuance of due notice, as prescribed by the by-laws of the said trustees ; but the appointment so made

shall be subject to the approval of the board of managers, and shall not be conclusive until so approved.

SEC. 5. The property of the corporation, both real and personal, shall be vested in and managed by the board of trustees, who shall be, ex-officio, counsellors of the board of managers, and as such shall be bound from time to time, upon reasonable request of the said board of managers, to advise them as to the performance of their duties and to furnish them with such information as shall be needful regarding the property and funds of the said corporation.

SEC. 6. The board of trustees shall have power, by a majority of votes, to choose a president and secretary from their own body, and to appoint such agents and servants as may from time to time be necessary in the performance of their trust, and to compensate and pay such agents from the funds of the corporation, and to prescribe the duties of such officers and servants respectively; and, also, to make such by-laws and regulations (not inconsistent with the laws of this State,) for the government of their own board, and for improving, investing and disposing of the funds and property of the society, as they may from time to time judge necessary and expedient.

SEC. 7. The board of managers shall, after the present year, be annually elected by a plurality of votes of the members of said society, present at each election, and such election shall be held on the third Wednesday in January in every year, or on such other day in each year, as the said board of managers may by a by-law for that purpose prescribe, at such place in the city of Auburn, at such hour of the day, and upon such notice as the said board of managers shall from time to time direct; or in case of the failure in such election at the stated period, then on such other day as the said board of managers may for that purpose subsequently appoint. In all cases the members composing the board for the time being, shall continue in office until others shall be duly chosen in their stead. In case of any vacancy in the office of a manager, or of any officer of the board, the same shall be filled for the remainder of the year by such person or persons as the said board of managers, at any meeting regularly convened, shall appoint. The said officers of the board of managers shall be elected annually by that board, by a majority of the votes of the members of the board present at each election.

SEC. 8. Harriet T. Pitney shall be the first directress, Mrs. Zebina M. Mason, shall be the second directress, Mrs. Jesse Segoine, third directress, Caroline F. Blatchford, treasurer, Harriet S. Conklin, secretary, and Mrs. John W. Haight, Mary C. Morgan, Florence Mellen, Mrs. Crane, Francis M. Goodwin, Margaret R. Watson, Mrs. Rice, Charlotte P. Underwood, Sally N. Bacon, Mrs. John McFarlan, Julia C. Clark, Mrs. W. I. Preston, S. Maria Reed, Abbey Warder, Henrietta Parsons, Melita Chedell, Mrs. S. L. Bradley, Deborah Ann Bronson, Lydia H. Young, Caroline Ross, Mary Fowler, Jane H. Woodruff, Mary Ann Robinson, Eliza Lewis, Andalusia Starin, Celuta Cook and Mary Kipp, shall be the other manag-

ers, who collectively shall compose the first board of managers, and shall continue in office until the third Wednesday in January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, or until others shall be duly chosen or appointed in their stead.

SEC. 9. The board of managers shall have power to appoint a superintendent and such other assistants and servants as they may consider to be necessary in conducting the domestic and internal concerns of the institution; to prescribe the authority and duties of such superintendent and assistants and servants respectively; to adopt a constitution for the said society, and to amend, alter or repeal the same; to make by-laws and regulations for the government of their own proceedings and those of the persons so appointed; to govern the children committed to their care, and prescribe the course for their instruction and management, to the same extent and with the same rights as exist in the case of natural guardians; provided, however, that such by-laws and constitution shall not be inconsistent with the laws of the State of New York; provided, further, that the said board of managers shall not be authorized to transact any business, unless a quorum of its members, to be fixed by a by-law made at a previous meeting, be present; and that said board of managers shall not in any case bind the society by any contract or contracts existing at the same time, for the payment of over five hundred dollars, or such other sum as may be limited by a resolution of the society, approved of by the board of trustees, without authority of the said board of trustees.

SEC. 10. Whenever any child shall be surrendered to the charge and direction of the said corporation, by any instrument in writing, signed by a parent or guardian of such child, or by a superintendent of the Poor of the County of Cayuga, or by one of the overseers of the Poor of the city of Auburn, the said trustees may, in their discretion, bind out such child to some suitable employment, in the same manner as overseers of the poor are by law authorized to bind poor and indigent children; proper provisions shall in every such case be made and inserted in the indentures by which said child shall be bound to service, for securing an education proper and fitting to the condition and circumstances in life of such a child, and for instruction in mechanical or agricultural pursuits.

SEC. 11. The corporation hereby created may receive, take and hold, as well by devise or bequest or otherwise, any real or personal estate for the uses and purposes contemplated by this act, whether the same be devised or bequeathed or conveyed directly to the said corporation or to the board of trustees above mentioned or otherwise for the use or benefit of such corporation: provided, that the same shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars yearly income, besides its buildings and property in use and its annual contributions.

SEC. 12. The said society shall be annually entitled to such distributive share of the school moneys raised in this State, and also in the city of Auburn, in the same manner and to the same extent as is now or shall be provided in respect to the common schools of said city; and the school

of said society shall for all purposes, be considered a separate and additional district school in said city, and shall be subject to the general supervision of the board of education of said city, though remaining and being at all times under the immediate direction and management of the said society.

SEC. 13. The supervisors of the County of Cayuga shall annually raise and collect, in the same manner as other county charges are levied and collected, any sum of money not exceeding one thousand dollars in any one year, as they may deem proper and just, for the use and benefit of said society; and all such moneys, so raised and collected, shall be paid when collected, by the treasurer of the said county, to the treasurer of said society: and the said society shall, upon complying with the terms mentioned in the second section of chapter three hundred and sixty-eight, of the laws of one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, be entitled to a distributive share of the moneys appropriated out of the treasury, and distributed as therein directed, or as shall hereafter be provided by law in relation to the orphan asylums in this State.

SEC. 14. The board of managers shall render an annual account to the board of trustees of all moneys received or disbursed by them, or any of their officers or agents; and the board of trustees shall annually, at the meeting of the society for the election of managers, exhibit to such a meeting a full and exact account of the receipts and disbursements, as well by themselves as by the board of managers, during the preceding year, and also a general statement of the property, funds and other pecuniary conditions of the said corporation.

SEC. 15. The said corporation shall possess the general powers and be subject to the provisions and restrictions of the third title of the eighteenth chapter of the first part of the revised statutes.

SEC. 16. The Legislature may at any time, alter, modify or repeal this act.

SEC. 17. This act shall take effect immediately.

CHAPTER 69.

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Cayuga Asylum for Destitute Children," passed April 10th, 1863.

Passed March 28th, 1862—Three-fifths being present.

The people of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section thirteen of chapter two hundred and seven of the laws of eighteen hundred and fifty-two, entitled An Act to incorporate the Cayuga Asylum for Destitute Children," is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

The board of supervisors of the County of Cayuga are hereby authorized to instruct the superintendents of the poor of said county to annually contract with the managers of said Asylum, to board and clothe all chil-

dren thrown on said county for support, who are of a proper age to receive its benefits, at a price not exceeding eighty cents each, per week, for their support, and the said board of supervisors are hereby authorized to levy and collect annually, in advance, in the same manner as other county charges are levied and collected, such sums of money for the above purpose as the said board of supervisors may deem necessary and expedient; the same to be paid quarterly, by the treasurer of said county, to the treasurer of the Cayuga Asylum, on the presentation to him of bills properly verified according to contract with the superintendents of the poor; and the said society shall, upon complying with the terms mentioned in the second section of chapter three hundred and sixty-eight of the laws of one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, be entitled to a distributive share of the moneys appropriated out of the treasury and distributed as therein directed, or as shall hereafter be provided by law in relation to the Orphan Asylums in this State.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

The payment of \$25.00 to the Treasurer of the Orphan Asylum shall constitute the person paying the same a life-member of this Association. Each person upon her election to the office of Manager is required to pay the sum of one dollar for the benefit of the Asylum.

ARTICLE II.

The management of the financial interests of this Association is entrusted to a Board of male Trustees, and the Board of Managers may not in any case bind the society by any contract, or contracts existing for the payment of any sum over five hundred dollars without the authority of said Board of Trustees. (See Article 9th of Act of Incorporation).

ARTICLE III.

The internal and domestic concerns of the Asylum, the care and management of the children, and the appropriation of its income, shall be entrusted to a Board of Managers, consisting of a 1st, 2d and 3d Directress, a Treasurer, a Corresponding and a Recording Secretary, and a Provider, who shall be elected annually from the Board of Managers, and subject in all matters of importance to the advice and co-operation of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Managers are expected to meet at the Asylum weekly on Wednesday P. M., to sew for the children, and acquaint themselves with the internal management of the Institution. They shall, also, hold a monthly meeting at the Asylum the first Wednesday of each month, for the transaction of such business as may present itself before the Board. An extra meeting may be called at any time, if deemed necessary by the Directresses. Vacancies occurring in the Board, may be filled at any stated meeting, a quorum of 12 being present. It shall be the duty of the Board to appoint such committees from their number as may be deemed proper, to examine the condition of the Asylum, and impart instruction to the Superintendent or her assistants, as may be for the economy of the Asylum, or the health of the children.

ARTICLE IV.

It shall be the duty of the First Directress to preside at each monthly meeting of the Board, to open the meeting with reading a portion of Scripture and prayer. It shall be her duty to preserve order during business hours, and in case of an equal division of the Board, to give

the casting vote. In her absence the Second Directress shall assume the duties of this office. Should both be absent, the Third Directress, will be expected to preside. In case of a failure of either of the three Directresses to be present at any important meeting of the Board, a Directress pro tem. may be elected for the occasion.

ARTICLE V.

The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all monies received, expended, or remaining in her hands, at each quarterly and annual meeting; and prepare a report of the same for the Board of Supervisors at their annual session; and at least one week before the annual meeting of the Managers, make to the Board of Trustees, a full report of all receipts and expenditures of money the year preceding, for their approval.

ARTICLE VI.

It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to give notice through the city papers, of the monthly, quarterly, and annual meetings, to watch over the children taken from the Asylum, by correspondence, to fill out indentures, prepare the annual report for the Board of Supervisors, and for the Secretary of State when called for and for the annual meetings at the Asylum.

ARTICLE VII.

It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of monthly and other meetings of the Managers, and to record the names and ages of children received into the Asylum, by whom committed, whether surrendered, or as boarders, from what State, County or Town, whether orphans, half orphans, or destitute children, so far as can be ascertained, also, the names of the children leaving the Asylum, whether for adoption, or service, by whom taken, place of residence, State, County and Town. The same to be recorded in a Register provided for that purpose, and remaining at the Asylum as a book of reference. This book should be kept as a true record of the history of each child, and a guide to the Corresponding Secretary in making out her annual reports.

ARTICLE VIII.

It shall be the duty of the Provider, to obtain twice each week, a memorandum of such articles of food or other necessities for the Asylum as may be required, so as to make her purchases in the most economical manner, and no articles for household use shall be purchased, except by the Provider or her order. She shall gather in all quarterly bills in season to be Audited by the Board of Managers at their quarterly meetings.

ARTICLE IX.

No person shall be considered eligible to the office of Superintendent, who is not a professed believer in the doctrines of the Bible, and competent to give religious instruction to the children, abstaining also from all sectarian influence. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent, subject to the advice of the Directresses, to receive such children as are brought

by overseers of the poor, coming within the charter as amended, whose ages shall not be under two, or over twelve years, also such children as are objects of charity, when surrendered to the Asylum. Children brought as boarders shall be accepted, but not to the exclusion of those children coming under the rules of the Institution. She shall also see that the children are in a cleanly condition for the schoolroom, and instruct and employ the older children out of school hours, in such domestic work as they may be competent to perform, while the younger children shall be under her especial charge, and she shall assume and perform all the duties which devolve upon a housekeeper, and see that all articles of children's clothing are in good repair for their weekly wear, being properly washed and mended. She shall see that the dormitories and beds are kept in a cleanly condition, and well aired each morning, and that the food provided for the children is well cooked and economically used. She shall report to the Recording Secretary the number of children received and discharged from the Asylum, monthly, also the names, ages, where from, by whom taken, also the names and number of sick, and the Secretary will report the same to the Board of Managers. She shall in no way disturb the school during study hours, except for company.

ARTICLE X.

A strict account of all monies received at the Asylum, shall be kept by the Superintendent, and handed to the Treasurer, also the expenditures, with vouchers for the same, shall be delivered to the Treasurer before the monthly meetings, who will report the same to the Managers.

ARTICLE XI.

The Superintendent of the Asylum is not expected to be present at the monthly meetings, unless especially invited by the presiding Directress, for the purpose of giving information relative to the subject under consideration.

ARTICLE XII.

The Board of Trustees shall have power at their discretion, to make and adopt such rules and regulations relative to the instruction and management of the children, and the internal affairs of the Asylum, (advisory with the Board of Managers), as they may deem conducive to the interests of the Institution.

ARTICLE XIII.

Any child of poor and indigent parentage may be admitted as a boarder, by the parents paying in advance, the sum of \$1,00 per week to the Superintendent or Treasurer, and obligating himself or herself to clothe such child.

ARTICLE XIV.

No child can be lawfully surrendered to the Asylum unless the parent or guardian, or person having the care of it sign the following agreement: "I, the subscriber being solicitous that my child should have the benefit

of the Cayuga Asylum for destitute children, and the Board of Managers being willing to provide for him or her, and place him or her out in a virtuous family, (agreeable to the rules of the society provided I do relinquish my child to them), I do truly promise not to interfere with the management of him or her, without their consent. And, in consideration of their benevolence in thus receiving and providing for my child, I do relinquish all right and claim to it and its services, until he or she shall become of age. And I do engage that I will not receive or ask any compensation for the same, nor take it from, nor induce it to leave the family where it may be placed by the Board of Managers." The above agreement is to be signed in the presence of two witnesses, copies of which are prepared and at the Asylum for use.

ARTICLE XV.

Parents, and friends of the children are allowed to visit their children once each month, not oftener unless in case of sickness. The parent or friends shall first enquire for the Superintendent, that neither the school, nor the domestic arrangements of the house be interrupted. Visitors may be received each day in the week, except Saturday and on the Sabbath.

ARTICLE XVI.

A committee of three ladies shall be appointed at the monthly meeting next preceding the annual meeting of the Board of Managers, whose duty it shall be to examine the Treasurer's report and certify to the correctness of the same, before said report shall be presented to the Board of Trustees for their approval.

ARTICLE XVII.

All money obtained for board, or *otherwise* received, shall be paid out exclusively by the Treasurer. And no repairs made in or about the Asylum, requiring the expenditure of money, without the consent of the Trustees or Managers. And in all cases the Treasurer shall take a voucher specifying the purpose for which money has been paid out.

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